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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 762

By Turner (Shelby)

A RESOLUTION to commend Miss Vakeita Terese Barrett for her extraordinary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Miss Vakeita Terese Barrett is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representatives Larry Turner and Larry Miller; Vakeita's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a honor student at the University of Memphis, where she is highly admired by her peers, Miss Barrett has achieved academic success while majoring in History and participating in numerous extracurricular activities in preparation for a further study of law; and

WHEREAS, while in college, Vakeita has been honored to be a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, as well as having been named to the Dean's List; she has also been nominated as a candidate for Black Scholars Unlimited; and

WHEREAS, an alumnus of Overton High School, Vakeita paved the way during high school for her undergraduate success; she was included in the publication of *Who's Who*

*Among American High School Students, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition*, earned Presidential Honors, and interned for the Memphis Mayoral Program; and

WHEREAS, she has also earned numerous accolades in the profession of cosmetology, including Master Stylist Awards; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2000 legislative session, Vakeita has surpassed all criteria with regard to the attributes of a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; she has demonstrated such positive qualities as respectfulness, inquisitiveness, being passionate and tenacious; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself about the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to assist in her studies, Vakeita brought her many abilities and expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2000 session of the One Hundred First General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Vakeita Terese is especially thankful of the support and encouragement that her parents, Ronald and Lee Coleman, have given her; they are proud of their daughter as she “strives to be a righteous example of God’s will in human expression”; and

WHEREAS, Miss Barrett has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Miss Vakeita Terese Barrett for her outstanding service as a legislative intern and extend to her our best wishes for her every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.